

November 23, 2025

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church

The mission of Lebanon CRC is

To live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MINISTRIES AT LEBANON

“Let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence...” Hebrews 4:16 NIV

This Sunday - Morning Worship – We will begin a two-part Thanksgiving series. *“I Need God for That” Part 1* will be from Hebrews 4:14-15 and Genesis 28:10-22. We depend on the God of mercy for all things. How can we reach him?

Thanksgiving Eve - We gather at 7:00 PM for Thanksgiving worship, including communion. The sermon, *“I Need God for That” Part 2* will be from Mark 2:1-12, where Jesus reveals how only God blesses us with everything we need - spiritually and physically.

Next Sunday - Morning Worship – We enter the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and the promise of Jesus’ return in glory. This year we will pay attention to God’s messages spoken through the angels. The first is *God Awakens Hope: Zechariah Meets Gabriel* from Luke 1:1-25.

Today’s Offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Hawarden Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Eve Offering: Resonate Global Missions

Next Sunday’s Offerings: Lebanon Church Budget / Love, INC.

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darin & Amy Noyes

Sound Booth attendants today: Cole, Clay

Sound Booth attendants Thanksgiving Eve: Cole, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Dan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Dragsta anticipates hip replacement surgery on Friday, November 28, at the University of Nebraska Hospital in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Congregational Meeting - The council will hold our congregational meeting **Monday, December 1, 7:00 PM**. Our nominees for elder: Harold Dekkers, Verlyn Dekkers, Al Van Wyhe; for deacon: Aaron Dekkers, Ashley Dekkers, Lloyd Dekkers. The **vote for affirmation** of these nominees will be **Sunday, November 30, after the morning worship service**. A nominee must receive over half of votes for affirmation to be included in casting of a lot at the congregational meeting. Please be in prayer for the nominees and our Lord’s leading in this selection process. The meeting will also include the proposed 2026 budget for approval and a proposal for the sale of a portion of church property. The agenda is available in your church mailbox today.

Thanksgiving Eve - “Count Your Blessings” Your church mailbox provided an envelope with your name and pieces of paper inside. Please take time to reflect on how God has blessed you this past year. Return your slips of paper with only the “blessing” written on it and place them in the glass jar you will find at the back of church. We will take time to thank God for these - and all! - blessings he has given us at our Thanksgiving Eve service!

Thanksgiving Eve - Hawarden Community Food Pantry Drive - We are aiming to raise \$800 to help provide Thanksgiving meals through the Hawarden Food Pantry. Please give your contribution in the designated box.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Evie G & Jerry or Joy S**

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service

Sunday, November 30

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Dana D & Cinda VG**

Advance Dates

Monday, December 1 – 6:30 PM – Congregational Meeting

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayer for Our Members

- Charles & Nola Van Driessen - Household of the Week
- Ken & Julie Dragstra as Ken continues his path to recovery.

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for the Hawarden Community Food Bank as they provide meals for our neighbors in need.
- Pray for God's grace for Riley Vander Esch as she receives care at Mayo Clinic for an inoperable brain tumor.
- Remember Remsen St. Mary's High School as they continue to pray for their classmates injured in a recent accident. Pray for all who were involved.
- Pray that our neighbors and nation may recognize God's hand of care as we count our blessings during this week of Thanksgiving. May God move us to be a grateful, joyful, generous people.

Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Pray for the Lord to prepare those he will call to serve as an elder or deacon in Lebanon Church.
- Pray for Carol Koppenaal, who is being treated for breast cancer as she expects their family's third baby. She serves as the US Director of Human Resources for the CRCNA in Grand Rapids.
- Pray also for Jim & Christine Dekkers, whose year-old granddaughter, Avery, is being treated for aggressive brain cancer. Jim works on staff for Resonate Global Missions and Christine works for the US Ministry Board of the CRCNA in Grand Rapids. They covet our prayers.
- Pray for Sos & Kara and their family as they live out the Lord's call to promote Christian education in Africa.
- Pray that the Lord leads Steve & Tara in their work with Launch Global in Texas.
- Pray for churches searching for pastoral leadership: Calvin and Trinity CRCs in Rock Valley, Inwood CRC, Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls, Carmel Reformed Church. Pray that the Lord would raise up a new generation of pastoral leadership.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Good Shepherd congregation, Pastor Travis Else.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School's Fall Musical titled, "A Play In A Manger" will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- Novembre 24 – Jace N
- November 27 – Wayne & Edie D
- December 1 – Darin N
- December 7 – Addison L
- December 7 – Jacob D
- December 9 – Josh D